BOER INVADERS GO WEST. CARS FALL THIRTY FEET

LEAVE BRITSTOWN TO THE BRITISH AND MOVE TOWARD PRIESKA.

Kitchener Reports That They Will Be Followed -Most of the Damage to the Railway Repaired - Some Correspondents Say the Situation Is Not So Serious. But Others Repeat Their Warnings of the Danger.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 25 .- The War Office makes public the following despatch from Gen.

Lord Kitchener: "NAAUWPOORT, Dec. 24. - Thornycroft's mounted troops have occupied Britstown without opposition. The Boers retired in

the direction of Priesks. They will be fol-CAPE Town, Dec. 25 .- The Boers who were repulsed at Steynsburg fled to the Zuurberg Mountains, where they intrenched themselves. It is believed that they have already

been driven out of their positions. A large bicycle corps is being formed here to guard the British communications.

The Boers have blown up a culvert south of De Aar.

LONDON, Dec. 26.-The Government still does not issue anything indicating a belief in the gravity of the situation in South Africa, and a majority of the correspondents at Cape Town do not treat the invasion of Cape Colony by the Boers as a serious matter. They say there is too great readiness to take an alarmist view of the situation. Practically no colonists have joined the invaders. The Government has taken care to keep their stocks of ammunition low, and it is believed that only a few effective arms are in the possession of anti-British colonists.

The correspondents add that the damage done to the railways and telegraphs of the Colony was slight, and has been repaired. Most of the breaks in the lines were caused solely by the weather. A mail train from Johannesburg reached Cape Town safely on Tuesday. There is no civilian traffle, however, further north than Victoria West and trains are running irregularly between De Aur and Kimberley.

The Government is represented as taking the most elaborate precautions to prevent the situation from developing seriously, and the incursion has expedited the recruiting for the various irregular corps to

credited with declaring that 90 per cent. of the people in the country districts are

operations. Gen. Kitchener has gone from De Aar to Naauwpoort to take direction of the operations, and it is reported that he is crush the invasion. It is stated that his energy, combined with the home Governsituation, has greatly restored confidence.

It does not escape notice, however, that Colony, seeking to reach Prieska and Carnarvon, where they obtained certain sucparently impending to dispose of the eastern invaders, who are intrenched in the Zuur-

It is stated as an instance of the shortage of ammunition among the burghers that the commanders in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony impose penalties for need-lessly firing. For the first offere: a fine of 10 shillings is imposed, for the second, £10 and for the third, death.

BOER PRISONERS AT ST. HELENA.

his way to South Africa, describing a visit to the Boer prisoners at St. Helena. He says:

BOER COMES HERE TO STAY.

this afternoon on the steamship Amsterdam from Rotterdam and Boulogne, was Jan Kruger, formerly a Justice of the Peace of the Transvaal Republic at Pretoria. He had \$1,000 in letters of credit and no baggage. He told the customs officer that he had been captured by the British and escaped and that how he wanted to settle in this country as far away from the Transvales.

COLUMBIA'S BLACK RING.

A Mysterious Secret Society Just Discovered by the Faculty.

Knowledge has just come to the faculty of Columbia University of the existence of a mysterious secret student society known as "The Black Ring." The exact nature of the organization cannot be determined, but it is known that it has existed for some time, and it is intimated that membership can only be acquired by the eandidate who incurs the displeasure of the faculty or perpetrates what is known at Columbia as some "fool stunt." Several of the members are known, but the large majority are not, and the elements in the known membership comprise representatives of both the athletic and social custes. Notices of meetings are given by symbols only, and no announcement of the organization has ever been posted on the collect campus as is the custom with other society notices. It cannot as yet be determined whether the clack Ring is merely a mushroom growth or whether it is accountable for several recent happenings on Morningside Heights. Columbia University of the existence of a

Engine Left Sate on One Side of treek and the Caboose on the Other.

WHITEPLAINS, Dec 25 The crew on the Chatham milk train on the Harlem road which was due to arrive at Mount Vernon escape from death, while a passenger train which followed the milk train narrowly escaped destruction, by the collapsing of a bridge over a crees midway between Dover Plains and Wassais

The milk train, consisting of seven cars loaded with milk for Mount Vernon and New York, had partly passed over the bridgethat is, the locomotive had reached the solid ground while the caboose containing the crew was still on solid ground on the other side of the creek- when suddenly the centre of the structure dropped out and the entire train, with the exception of the engine and B. J. De Cologan, the Spanish Minister and caboose, plunged into a creek thirty feet dean of the diplomatic corps, presented the below and was smashed. No one was injured. A passenger train which was folowing the milk train was flagged just in time to prevent it from running into the abyes.

THE BLACKMAILERS OF VICE. Lewis Nixon Not Ready to Make Public Their Names.

Chairman Lewis Nixon of Tammany's Purification Committee of Five did not make public yesterday the names of the "few men" whom he referred to on Monday as being enriched by receiving the money paid by gamblers and the keepers of disorderly houses for protection from police interference. Mr. Nixon said he was happy with himself and the world for the day and did not want that happiness disturbed. All he had to say was contained in the following statement, which e wrote out and gave to reporters:

"This is a day of peace and good will and I do not wish to utter a word against any one. My statement of yesterday was mainly directed against systems. Bipartisanship is a mistake in police administration and I am sure that either Commissioner York or Commissioner Sexton could, with full power, cure existing evils.

"What has given me the greatest satisfaction is the fact that not a single man in the Tammany organization has attempted to dissuade me, but that from all sources I have received encouragement, advice and proffered assistance. The earnestness of purpose and sinerity of my colleagues on the committee have made our work harmonious to a degree seldom

and the incursion has expedited the recruiting for the verious irregular corps to a marvellous extent, while many villages and towns are forming volunteer guards and constructing intrenchments.

On the other hand the Cape Town correspondents of the Morning Post, in a despatch dated Dec. 24, confirms the alarming reports. He says that the position of the colony is hanging in the balance, and that everything depends on the quantity of ammunition which the disloyal Dutch have at their disposal. It is estimated, he declares, that 1,500 Dutch inhabitants of the Philipstown district have joined the invaders.

The Cape Colony Treason act is considered insufficient to meet the present situation, as it only provides a punishment of disfranchisement for five years for the rank and file of those who take part in a rising. Energetic measures are being taken to stem the invasion, but there is unquestionably some danger of parties of the Boers getting through to other parts of the colony and gradually raising the whole cape territory in rebellion. Resinforcements, especially mounted troops, cannot arrive too soon.

The Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent quotes local papers as eavying that never in the dark days a year ago were the Boers so far south or the prospects graver. Reports from various parts of the western provinces foreshadow perilous possibilities unless the invasion is completely checked.

A responsible colonist, who recently invaled from Upington to Humansdorp, is oredited with declaring that 90 per cent. Chairman Nixon's statement at the Committee of Five's meeting on Monday that the committee intended to get after the police captains who did not keep their precincts clean and the other officials responsible for allowing gambling and other disorderly houses to keep open badly scared the proprietors of these places yesterday. The admission of Chairman Nixon that protection was being paid for and that only a "few" were getting the money was a startling surprise, coming as it did from Tammany's own representative. A good many people were anxious to know who the "few" men are Despite Mr Nixon's statement there did not seem to be any hurry on the part of the gambling houses and poolroom keepers to get under cover. All of the downtown poolrooms were closed, because it was a holiday and there was no business. Uptown they did the usual fourishing business a holiday brings, but it was in a quieter way than usual. Still only a few of the places that have been open right along were closed tight.

BUCHANAN WINTHROP DEAD.

tion for Appendicitis.

Buchanan Winthrop, the lawyer, died rather suddenly yesterday afternoon at his residence 279 Fifth avenue after an operation for appendicitis. Although Mr. Win-throp had not been in the best of health throp had not been in the best of health since he returned from his summer home at Lenox early in the fall, his ailment was not regarded as very serious by his family until last week. On Saturday his condition was such that Drs. Delafield and W. K. Draper were called in. They said that Mr. Winthrop had a case of appendicitis that required an immediate operation Dr. W. T. Bull was called in in consultation on Sunday, and on Monday he operated. The patient railled so promisingly that a few hours later it was thought that he was well out of danger. Farly yesterday morning he suffered a relapse and he failed rapidly until his death. His wife, son and daughter were at his bediside when he died.

Mr. Winthrop was born at the old family residence in Bond street in this city in 1841. He was the head of the elder line of the Winthrops in direct descent from John Winthrop. Governor of Massachusetts in 1620. His great-great-grandfather was John Still Winthrop, whose two sons came to this city early in the century and established the New York branch of the family. One of these sons was Francis Bayard Winthrop, who married Elsie Marston. Their eldest son was John Still Winthrop, who married Harriet Ragers. The eldest son of this couple was Henry Rogers Winthrop. His only son by his first wife. Margaret Hicks, whom he married in 1838, was Buchanan Winthrop was graduated from Yale in 1862, and was a Seroli and Key man, lie was graduated from Columbia Law Schood in 1864 and was admitted to the bar the same year. In 1891 he was elected a member of the Convention of Yale University and was reelected in 1895. He was for many years the Treasurer of the Gener I Convention of the Protestant Episcopai Church of the University of the Gener I Convention of the Tuxedo, Metropolitan, Century, Union, Downtown, New York Yacht and Riding clubs, the New England Society, and the Bar Association. He married in 1872 Sarah Helen Townsend, dauchter of Isaac Townsend, by whom he had two children, Henry Rogers Winthrop and Marie Winthrop.

CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

WASPINGTON, Dec. 25—Christmas Day was generally observed here, the churches holding special services and all the Government Departments being closed. At the White House a few personal friends called upon the President and Mrs. McKiniey during the alternoon, but remained only a short time. The President and Mrs. McKiniey dined at 7 o'clock. They had as guests Surgeon-General and Mrs. Sternberg, Dr. and Mrs. Rixey, Mrs. H. O. S. Hiestand, Adjutant-General Corbin and Secretary and Mrs. Certelyou. Postmaster-General Smith and Cuptain and Miss Tonner called during the evening.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE PEACE TERMS EXPECTED WITHIN A MONTH.

at midnight on Monday had a remarkable 14 Hung Chang Too Ill to Meet the Ministers and Prince Ching Appears for the Emperor Massacre and Burning of Twenty Catholics by Boxers Reported East of Pekin.

> From a Staff Correspondent. PERIN. Dec. 24 - The preliminary demand. ote of the Powe - was presented to-day to Prince Ching, one of the representatives of the Throne Li Hong Chang, the other envoy, was sick and was not able to be present when the note was handed to his colleague by the Ministers of the various great Powers. Senor

note to Prince Ching, saying:
"I have the honor to hand to you a note in which the foreign representatives set forth in the name of their respective Governments the conditions necessary for the reestablishment of friendly relations with Chins. I beg you to transmit it to his Majesty, the Emperor of China, and to give us as prompt a reply as possible

In accepting the note Prince Ching said: "Having now received from the Ministers f the Powers a peace proposal I beg to state that I will at once send it to his Majesty the Emperor. On receipt of his Majesty's decree I will then send a reply."

The joint meeting then adjourned. It is the unanimous opinion of the Ministers that China will accept the conditions within a month. The note has already been forwarded to the Emperor and Empress Dowager, and it will probably reach them at Singan-fu

next Thursday. The missionaries are again reporting trouble with Boxers. They say that on Dec. 21 twelve Catholios were killed thirty-five miles east of Pekin and that eight others have been burned in temples by Boxers. The military authorities are investigating these reports.

TUAN AND CHWANG ARRESTED. Chinese Court Preparing to Concede the De mands of the Powers.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 26. -The latestatory regarding the Chinese officials accused of complicity in the Boxer outrages comes to the Standard in a despatch from Shanghai to the effect that the Government has arrested Prince Tuan and Prince Chwang and ordered the oft-reported killed fu Hsien, ex-Governor of Shanei, to return to Singan-fu forthwith, t is believed, with the view to his execution. It is inferred from this that the Government is preparing to concede the demands contained in the preliminary note of the Powers.

ASKS MISSIONARIES TO RETURN. Viceroy Chang Chih Tung's Request -His Arsenal Running Day and Night.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 26.—A despatch to the Morning Post from Hankow says that Vicercy Chang Chih Tung has personally requested the missionaries to return to their posts in the provinces of Hunan and Hupeh. The despatch adds that the Viceroy is exceedingly anxious about the demand of the Powers that arms and munitions of war shall not be imported into China. His arsenal at Hanyang is working day and night producing small arms

PRENCH FIGHT WITH BOXERS. One Officer Killed and Two Wounded in an Engagement on Dec. 21.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. thirty kilometres southwest of Tientsin. In an engagement with Boxers on Dec. 21

STORMBEATEN. BUT SAFE

Two belated liners reached this port on Monday night after much battling with the seas and came up to their pier yesterday morning just in time to enable many of their passengers to eat their Christmas dinners at home. One was La Normandie, two days late. Her passengers had had all they wanted of wind and fog and sea, but not as Nebraska, which is usually an eleven-day boat from Glasgow, but which this time spent nineteen days in making the trip. Chief Officer Peters came out in command of the State of Nebraska. He was taking a rest yesterday and Mr. Starrett, the purser, did the talking. The bad weather began when the vessel was four days out from Glasgow.

knots a day and on the ninth day out only fifty knots. The seas had been steadily increasing in size. An accident happened to

fifty knots. The seas had been steadily increasing in size. An accident happened to the engines on Dec. 11, which, after three hours work on the part of the engineers, were repaired. The next day a sea came aboard that stove the two port lifeboats and tristed up the railing on the bridge. William Thompson, a fireman, was caught and thrown against the rail, breaking two of his ribs. Two more breakdowns happened to the engines after this, due to overheated journals and a bad steam pipe. They were repaired without much trouble, however. On the 18th the gales abated.

The French liner had bad weather from Havre to the Banks, and off Nantucket encountered a fog, which continued almost to Sandy Hook. Among the passengers on La Normandie were five French gendarmes in command of a sub-lieutenant. The gendarmes were policemen in the city of Lyons. They are now on their way to the island of Tariti, a French possession in the Pacific, where they will do police work. The gendarmes were in full uniform. Three burly New York coppers detailed for duty on the pier recognized the uniform and in a strict of rood feure shir they rushed up to the gendarmes and shook hands. They didn't talk French and the Frenchmen didn't talk English. The New York cops were not at all abashed by that fact, however. They pointed to their clubs and helmets and then grinned at the Frenchmen, who looked rather as though they expected arrest. After a time they understood and had a pantonnime conversation with those who had welcomed them. The Frenchmen have enlisted for seventeen years and have served ten of these in Lyons. They did not know how long they went to a hotel at 161 Wooster street.

FIRE AT A CHURCH FESTIVAL.

Boston, Dec. 25.—While a Christmas fes- plain why he didn't want to remain alive. in North Hanover last evening a ladder upon which two men were taking presents from the tree fell, knocking a chandeler to the floor. A lighted kerosene lamp struck Mrs. D. S. Stoddard, knifting her clothing and spilling the barning oil over her four-year-old son. The woman ran screaming down the asise with her clothing ablaze, but was seized in the vestry by some of the onlookers, who succeeded in smothering the flances, but not before she had been burned mortally. The boy was also badly burned.

The fire created a panic in the church and the flying oil set fire to the pews and carpet. This was extinguished without serious loss.

You go from the centre of New York to the centre of dangerous substitute. Insist on having Burnett's.

Ada.

You go from the centre of New York to the centre of each of the great gateways of commerce of the Central west by the New York Central, through the richard countage in the world—4ds.

CHINA RECEIVES THE NOTE. WERE THEY TOUTSEL'S CARTRIDGES? Box Containing Bullets Such as Killed Goebel Found Hidden to His Office

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 25. In a corner the voucher vault in the Auditor's office the vault in which Henry E. Youtsey kep the Marlin ride, alleged to have been used In shooting William Goebel, there was found to-day a box containing eight smokeless powder cartridges of the exact kind that contained the bullet taken from the tree in the State House yard close to where Goebel fell. The box contained twelve vacent pasteboard chambers. It is believed that It was one of the bullets taken from these

chambers which killed Goebel. The discovery was made by Clerk C. E. Boos of the Auditor's office in removing old vouchers from the vauli, and replacing them with new boxes, as is the custom in the office every two years. He found that one of the boxes would not fit back evenly and removed it to take away the obstruction. He found the cartridge box. The box was on the third shelf from the bottom and the first shelf from the extreme end of the vault on the right-hand side, closely fitted next to the wall, and was so concealed that the box would not have been discovered had not the removal of the voucher boxes been made.

The bullet taken from the tree and used as evidence in the Youtsey and Jim Howard cases is a metal patched bullet, as quescribed by the expert, and is a duplicate of the bullet in question. On the box was printed, "19 grains smokeless powder, 255 grains metal patched bullet, adopted to Winchester single shot and model 94 rifles, and to Marlin and Ballard rifles. Manufactured by Winchester Repeating Arms Company, New Haven, Conn." Boos of the Auditor's office in removing old

bullet in the cartridge is 21/2 inches

The bullet in the cartridge is 2½ inches long and on the cartridge are the figures "38-55." Clerks in the Auditor's office testified that Youtsey kept his gun in this vauit and had free access to the vauit at all times. Youtsey, it is believed, hid the box in the vauit. Clerk Boos has notified the Commonwealth's attorney at Franklin of the discovery and has locked the box up to be turned over to him. The new evidence could not be introduced except in case of reversal of the cases of Youtsey and Howard by the Court of Appeals.

MINING TRUST DEAL IN MEXICO. Big Plans of the American Smelting and Re-

fining Company. MONTERRY, Mexico, Dec. 25.-Negotiations are in progress for the purchase of the six largest smelters in Mexico and a number of the best paying gold and silver mines in the country by the American Smelting and Refining Company. Over \$40,000,000 are involved in the deal and its consummation means

volved in the deal and its consummation means virtually the control of the smelting and gold, silver and copper mining business in Mexico by the smelting trust.

In addition to the two large smelters owned and operated by M. Guggenheim's Sons & Co., the trust will purchase the two smelters now owned by the Kansas City Consolidated Smelting and Refining Company, one of which is situated at San Luis Potosi and the other at Aguas Callentes, the smelter of the Omaha and Grant Company, situated at Velardena, and the smelter owned by a Mexican company, situated at Montery.

tery.

The trust is also negotiating for the purchase of a number of large reduction work struated in the principal mining districts of Mexico. There is a large new smelter at Lorreon, which is said to be the only concern of its kind in Mexico that has refused to enter the trust. the trust.

What effect this consolidation of the smelting and mining interests of Mexico will have on one prices in this country cannot be foresteld at this time. The American Smelting and Refining Company has a capital stock of \$55,000,000, which is to be immediately increased to \$100,000,000 in order to carry out the negotiations.

POLICEMAN SAVES A BABY.

Leans P om Platform and Picks Child Off T ack as Trolley Car Strikes It.

Policeman Siegel of the Stagg street station, Williamsburg, saved a three-year-old boy from being run over by a trolley car yesterday, and in so doing was badly shaken up. He was on the front step of a DeKalb avenue car, on his way to dinner. While the car was going rapidly down a grade belive in that neighborhood, tried to cross the tracks. He had a shawl tied round his head and failed to hear the motorman's gong. The car was going so fast that the motorman could not check it. Siegel got a tight grip with his left hand on the platform rail and leaned out over the fender to selve the boy. The fender hit the child and Siegel barely had time to get a hold on its dress. In so doing the policeman lost his grip on the platform handle and fell across the fender. He held onto the boy with his right hand and with the other held onto the fender. Both were dragged along for several yards before the car was stopped.

Siegel's uniform was torn, his ankle sprained and his face, arms and legs cut and bruised. The boy was uninjured. Siegel hobbled to St. Cetherine's Hospital and after being fixed up returned to the station. tracks. He had a shawl tled round his head

SANTA CAUGHT IN A BEAR TRAP. Boys Wanted to Loot All His Toys -Will Cost

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 25 .- Harry and "hold up" Santa Claus and the experiment will cost Henry Dekalb, their cousin, a leg. The boys had been informed that Santa Claus would visit them on Christmas eve with a bag of good things while making with a bag of good things while making his rounds. They thought that if they could capture him they would possess an unlimited supply of toys, and taking several comrades into their confidence, planned a surprise of their own. From the barn they brought out a long forgotten bear trap and succeeded in setting it beneath a window where it was alleged Santa Claus would appear.

where it was already appear.

The boys waited inside, while their companions hid in the shrubbery. The assembled guests were waiting the appearance of Santa Claus when they were startled by a yell, and going outside, found him in the jaws of the bear trap. The machine proved as faithful as in former days and held the struggling man firmly by the leg. Dekalb was quickly released, but the trap had broken the bone above the ankle, forcing it through the flesh, end it is thought the leg will have to be ampuand it is thought the leg will have to be ampu-tated.

SEEKS DEATH AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Family Feast -Porter a Suicide. of 216 East Eightieth street, could provide no Christmas celebrationfor his family yesterday, because he had been out of work for a month. He sent his wife and two for a month. He sent his wife and two
children out for a walk, after telling them
that he wanted to spend as much of the day
as he could sleeping. When Mrs. Livingston and her children returned there was
nobody to answer her ring.

The janitor forced open the door of her
flat and she found her husband on the bed
unconscious and with his lips burned by
carpolic acid. Livingston was taken to the
Presbyterian Hospital. He will probably
recover. recover ... Emil Riechert, a perter, 30 years old and single, shot himself through the head last night at 401 East Seventy-second street, where he boarded, and died there. He was not out of work and left no message to ex-

was crossing Broadway at Forty-fifth street. The automobile, in charge of Joseph Cavanagh of 125 West Forty-ninth street, struck her and the heavy machine passed over her body. She was carried into a drug store by a policeman. Dr. Hooker, who was summoned from Roosevelt Hospital, said that her back was broken. He took her to the hospital.

Cayangh was locked up to the West.

HOW EUROPE FEARS US. ECONOMIC FEDERATION SUGGESTED TO

MEET OUR COMPETITION.

Noted French Economist Says the United States Are on the Point of Becoming by Far the Most Important Economic Factor in the World Striking Superiority Year by Year. Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

VIENNA, Dec. 25 .- Paul Leroy-Beaulieu has written a letter to the Tageblatt advocating the formation of an economical federation in Europe owing to the enormous commercial development in the United States. M. Leroy-Beaulien, who is a noted French

stitute, thus refers to the United States: "They are on the point of becoming by far the most important economic factor in the world. They may henceforth be regarded as the first industrial nation, and their superiority will become more strikingly evident year by year. Moreover, they will very soon have a considerable mercantile marine." After declaring that the Americans are already accustomed to regard Europeans. especially those inhabiting the Continent, in about the same light as they regard Orien-

persists in confining herself within such narrow boundaries she will be condemned to lead a vegetative existence. He proceeds to advocate as a panacea an economic alliance which may possibly subsaquently develop into a political alliance. which is certainly to be desired. The pro-posed alliance rests in the first instance no a reform of inter-state customs duties) M. Leroy-Beaulieu says it would be chimerical to suppose it possible in a hundred of 200 years to abolish all customs between the

different States, but shis would not be neces-

It would suffle to reduce them considerably by means of clearly defined commercial treaties concluded for a long period. The maximum should with a few exceptions, be 12 per cent, and a permanent European customs commission should be appointed, entrusted with arranging successive reductions in the duties and establishing the closest

he was disappointed by the failure of his anti-gambling crusade in that paper. He said he almost feared it was impossible for a daily paper to live without gambling. Christians were dead or it would not be so.

A theoretical Christian laid aside his Bible and hymn book to follow the betting news A Christian of this type barred the greates reformation the world would ever see. namely in the region of journalism. Continuing. Mr. Parker said:

"The letters I received from nominal Christians during my editorship disgusted me. Christians are becoming invalids, and the Church is a hospital. Nurses are wanted. Manliness is dead"

PRIVATE BAYONETS A SERGEANT.

was not sent out on account of the press censorship.

Washington, Dec. 25.—James MacDonahue, a private in the Fourth Artillery, stationed at Fort Washington, while crazed by liquor to-day bayonetted Sergt. Spaad so severely that he will probably die, and wounded two other privates who attempted to arrest him. He was finally overpowered, but on the way to the guardhouse knocked down the two soldiers who had him in charge and made his escape. Spaad's most serious wound is the stomach, the intestines being perforated The two privates received only flesh wounds.

LITTLE GIRLS' ASSAILANT CAUGHT?

girls on the East Side. Their prisoner is James Laurito, 21 years old, who lives at 385 Cherry street. The police say that he answers in every detail the description given by each of the six little girls who have been assauled. He was arrested at 10:30 o'clock last night at his home by Detectives Delaney and Hayes.

Ine children who have been assaulted range in age from 4 to 5 years. One of them was Mclie Golden, 5 years old, of 13, Monroe street. She was assaulted on Oct. 22 and was so badly injured that she has been in Gouverneur Hospital until two days ago. She gave the police a good description of the man. Following hers came other cases until the total number of victims reached six.

A week ago four-and-a-half year old Alice Kom tyy of 26 Gouveneur street was enticed by a man into a cab and, she said, taken to a stable where she was assaulted. She gave the police the same description of her assailant as the ofher child had. Every other child victim gave practically the same description of the man and the police became cofindent that one man was responsible for all of the crimes.

Detectives Hayes and Delaney have been doing almost nothing else in the last few weeks but hunt for the flend. For two days they had the mother of one of the victims wheel her around in a baby carriage in the hope that they would run across the man. They didn't succeed, but yesterday afternoon the detectives noticing that Laurito answered the description given by the children exactly they arrested him in the street as a suspicious person.

After taking Laurito to the police station the detectives sent for the Golden child and

they arrested him in the street as a suspicious person.

After taking Laurito to the police station the detectives sent for the Golden child and her mother and brother. She identified him the police say, as the man who had assaulted her. Her mother and brother said that, from the description the child had given them, they were sure that Laurito was the man. He will be arraigned in the Essex Market police court this marning.

Five-year-old Ressie Weintraub of 37 Madison street got lost on the East Side a month ago. When the police found her she told them that a man had taken her into a music hall and had assaulted her. She was taken to St. Vincent's Hespital

ALAMEDA, Cal., Dec. 25.—Matthias Eutchmann, of 1525 Park street a few days ago NUESE RUN DOWN BY AUTOMOBILE.

Her Back Broken Under the Heavy Vehicle

-Was Crossing Broadway.

Miss Rese McCue, a trained nurse, who boarded at 63 West Fifty-sixth street, was run over by an automobile hansem in Broad way yesterday afternoon and received injuries of which she will probably die. She was crossing Broadway at Ferty-fifth street. The automobile, in charge of Joseph Cavanagh of 125 West Forty-ninth street, struck her and the heavy machine passed over her body. She was carried into a drug store by a policeman. Dr. Hooker, who was sum-

Democratic Regality. Cavanagh was locked up in the West FortyLimited appeal to all travellers. No extra fare to
Louis. —Ade.

NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S IDEAS.

Public Abilities Not the Sole Test of a Good Assistant District Attorney. Eugene A. Philbin, the new District Attorney, will formally take charge of his office

at 10 o'clock this morning. He will file his certificate of appointment with the County Clerk at 9 30 o'clock and then go over to the District Attorney's office Col Asa Bird Gardiner, the deposed District Attorney, will be awaiting him and will show him through the office and introduce him to the office staff and the Judges Mr. Philbin will assume his new duties at once.

Mr. Philbin has his own ideas as to what an Assistant District Attorney should be. It is Mr. Philbin's intention, it is said, to consider not only the public abilities of the men now in the District Attorney's office, but to learn with whom they associate and economist and a member of the French Inwhat their affiliations are

CRANK THINKS HE'S THE OREGON.

Goes Into Action With a Blue-Coated Enemy and Is Drydocked in the Blad Ward. Jacob Marks, a crazy waiter of 431 Third avenue, who thinks he is the battleship Ore-

pavilion at Bellevue Hospital Marks cruised up the avenue yesterday afternoon as far as 125th street. There he mistook Policeman Pierce for a Spanish fleet tals who vegetate in dreams of the past, and rushed into action. Pierce won the engagement. Marks still thought he was the M. Leroy-Beautieu contends that if Europe Oregon in spite of the fact that he had been beaten and then the con knew that the man was crazy. He took Marks to the East 125th street station, where Marks sat down on the coalbox behind a red hot stove and told everybody not to do anything until he had coaled. He was allowed to coal until the arrival of a Bellevue ambulance in charge of Dr. Levy, whom he saluted as Admiral. Before making the return voyage in the ambulance the Oregon was sheathed in a straight jacket.

RACE FIGHT IN INDIANA.

Party of Whites and One of Blacks Get to Shoot ing-Three Men Hurt. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 25 .- The citizens of

Clementville, a small town in the southern part of the State, are almost in a state of terror by reason of troubles between the Whites and blacks. About midnight last night several tions in the duties and estr blishing the closest possible inter-State relations. He says there cannot be a doubt of the possibility of such an arrangement. It is the only system by which Europe can maintain a great and increasing economic development.

Parker Pessimistic Now.

After One Week as Editor, He Says Christians Are Invalids and the Church a Hospital. Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

London, Dec. 25.—The Rev. Dr. Parker, paster of the City Temple, referred in the course of his Christmas sermon to-day to his week's editorship of the Sun, a half-penny afternoon paper. His remarks revealed that he was disappointed by the failure of his anti-gampling crusade in that paper. He apper her because the support of the sun, a half-penny anti-gampling crusade in that paper. He are the says there cannot be a doubt of the possibility of such a rarangement it is the only system by which Europe can maintain a great and increasing economic development.

Blacks. About midding the loss to drunken negroes took possession of Samuel Kendall's grocery and saloon, and when the City Marshal summoned of the critical to the officers were called upon to eject them they officers w drunken negroes took possession of Samuel

YAQUIS FALL ON MEXICAN TROOPS. Five Officers and Thirty Men Said to Have Been

Killed by the Indians. FL Paso, Tex Dec 25 .- The account of a everse of Mexican troops at the hands of the Yaqui Indians in Sonora, Mex., reached here to-day. The attack was made a week ago to-day upon Col. Francisco Peinado, commanding a detachment under Gen. Torres. He was moving across the country with a He was moving across the country with a body of men near La Misa. The Indians need on the soldiers from ambush. Col. Peinado fell seriously wounded and five of his officers and about thirty men were killed. The news was brought here to-day by C. V. Licht, chief clerk to General Manager Naugie of the Sonora Railroad at Guarmas. He says that the reports of such affairs are kept from the press in Mexico, and this fight was not sent out on account of the press censorship.

WOMAN HURT IN A PARK RUNAWAY. Miss Kirby's Arm and Three of Her Elbs Eroken

Miss Lee Kirby of 60 East 101st street and her friend, Mrs. Hawthorne of the same address went driving in a runabout in Central The police of the Madison street station believe that they have in custody the man who has been criminally assaulting little girls on the East Side. Their prisoner is James Laurito, 21 years old, who lives at 385 Cherry street. The police say that he answers in every detail the description given by each of the six little girls who have been assalled. He was arrested at 10:30 o'clock last hight at his home by Detectives Delaney and Hayes.

The chiddren who have been assaulted range in age from 4 to 5 years. One of them was Molle Golden 5 years. One of them was Molle Golden 5 years and of the Margaritan street. Mr. Guegenheim and his daughter of 38 West Seventy-seventh were not hurt but their coachman, John Bradshaw, was knocked from his seat and Bradshaw, was knocked from his seat and his back was injured. The runaway was caucht on the drive at Eighty-second street by Mounted Police-man Connoran. man Connoran.

TO BREED ANGORA CATS.

ome for former convicts established here by Mrs. Ballington Booth of the Volunteers of America, had a fine Christmas dinner of America, had a fine Christmas dinner to-day. Mrs. Booth, with dimmed eyes, greeted "my boys" and told them of the plans for the home. Last year a friend of Hope Hall presented Mrs. Booth with several fine chickens of fancy breed strains and the saie of their eyes and the chickens themselves have added much to the hall's income. Now a friend has presented Mrs. Booth with several life male and female Angora cats and she proposes to breed them for the benefit of the home. of the home.

A department stere in Manhattan which formerly took the entire breeding results of the Meine deniers has promised Mrs. For the the assistance necessary by creating a ready market for the ents and has offered record after the boliday rush for the display and sale of cats.

Nashville Has Left Him \$1.000.009. Atlanta to-day on apparently good authority Celifornia Man Thought He Had Received

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Colifo it is reported, has also been appointed executor of the estate. Mr. Felder was for some
time a resident of this exty and was the representative of the Corbin Banking Company
of New York, the was from Americus, Ga.,
and married a daughter of Milton H. Smith,
President of the Louisville and Nashville
Railread.

Mr. Felder went from Atlanta to Nashville
where he speat some time as President of the street railways there From
Nashville accurate to Baltimore, where he
was associated with the brekerare firm of
Hamilton & Co. Later he went to New York,
where he is at present engaged in the brokerage business.

St. Louis, New 25.—General Freight Agent Drew of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road was thrown from his horse while riding in the park to-day and mortally injured.

Balla tine's India Fale Ale or Old Burton Ale will put I somala to steep. They soothe and nourish.

PRICE TWO CENTS. FIRE PANIC IN MUSIC HALL.

HEADIONG SCRAMBLE OUT OF THE MAN-HATTAN ON THE BOWERY.

Basement Blazed Up Filling the Place With Smoke Hartender and Cop Overcome Women Singers in Hysterics-Ladder

Rescue of Ald. Fleck's Wife and Her Dogs.

A fire in the basement of the Manhattan Hall at 104 Bowery, which was formerly the old National Theatre, caused a wild scramb'e for the street on the part of several hundred persons who were watching the performance at 10 o'clock last night. Isidor Katz, the assistant bartender, seeing smoke coming from the basement, sent in the alarm. Then somebody cried "fire" and men and women, who were sitting around tables drinking and looking at the variety show, overurned the tables and chairs in their haste o get out

The smoke filled the hall and drove the stage ladies." who were waiting for their erns, into hysteries. Frank Cassidy was doing a bag punching act on the stage when gon, was dry docked last night in the insane the alarm was given. He kept punching away in a valu attempt to keep the spectators in their seats, but their interest in him was

Detectives Goggin and Sweeney of the Mulberry street station got to the rear of the building and dragged a number of the performers out through the windows. Roundsman Culbert was overcome by smoke while carrying out two women. He was attended by Dr. H. J. Holcombe of 67 Broome street. John H. Muhl, the head bartender in the music hall, was also overcome by smoke. He was taken out by the

firemen Mrs. Mabel B. Fleck, the wife of Alderman Fleck, who runs the music hall, was entertaining some friends at a Christmas party in her rooms above the hall. When the firemen of Truck 6 got there Mrs. Fleck, Mrs. Bertha Lloyd and a Mrs. Keeley were standing at the window. The firemen raised a ladder and carried Mrs. Fleck's friends down. Then Capt. Howe, who wears a Bennett medal for bravery, started up the ladder to take Mrs. Fleck down. . She insisted that her two black and tan dogs should be taken down first, so Capt. Howe put a dog under each arm, carried them to the street and then helped Mrs. Fleck down.

Two alarms were sent in as soon as the firemen discovered where the blase was. It did about \$3,000 damage. Badly insulated electric light wires are supposed to have caused It.

Loses, of Course, but He Delays the Pacific Express for Half an Hour. BRANDON, Manitoba, Dec. 26.-The Pacific Express was half an hour late in reaching this city last evening, and the delay was caused by one of the most curious happen-

BULL MOOSE PIGHTS LOCOMOTIVE.

ings ever known in Manitoba. The train was travelling at a slow rate of speed and had just reached the Brandon of speed and had just reached the Brandon mile board when the engineer saw a giant bull mose standing on the track. He tooted the whistle and slowed up his train, but the king of the forest refused to move. He was not to be bluffed by any red-eyed animal with no more horns then a locomotive. He was bent on fight, and tossing his antlers in the most defiant manner dashed toward the engine. The engineer saw him coming and opened up the throttle and went at him. It was only a fight of a minute. The bull's horns became wedged in the pilot and he bellowed and kicked, but to no avail. The train pulled up and the remains were cleared away. Conductor Fayhe brought a hind quarter of the carcass into the city and his friends are to-day enjoying venison. to-day enjoying venison.

BOWLINS KILLS HIS LAST MAN.

MAYFIELD, K.y., Dec. 25.—Last night at 10 o'clock Sheriff Sam Douthit and Deputy Sheriff John Usher went to Charley Bowlins's home to arrest Birch Hollyer, an associate of Bowlins, on some whiskey warrants. Hollyer resisted the officers, and Usher drew a revolver and fred at him, wounding him in the head. Bowlins heard the shot and rushed into the room and fired at Usher, the bullet passing through his heart and killing him instantly. Bowlins then turned his revolver on Sheriff Douthit and was in the act of firing, when the Sheriff fired killing Bowlins instantly.

About fifteen shots were exchanged by all the party. Hollyer was arrested to-day and looked up as an accessory to the murder of Usher. Deputy Usher was a recent candidate for Sheriff and one of the most popular men in the dity. He was as years old. Bowlins was a notorious character and for years has been the operator of noted dives here. He had killed four men during his life. home to arrest Birch Hollyer, an associate of

Agent of the Frick Manufacturing Company

Indianapolis, Dec. 25 — Thomas W. Jay, State agent of the Frick Manufacturing Company of Pennsylvania, was arrested here to-night on a charge of embezzling \$13,000 from the company. Jay says that he had sickness in his family some time ago and used \$700 belonging to the company to meet the extra expense. He then invested more of the company's money in a bowling alley in the hope of making good the shortage, but the investment proved a failure. He

at the mouth of Great Egg Harbor inlet early Monday morning during a fog, was pulled

Indian trader, which drove into the sandbar

grounding. destructive fire in the history of Eau Claire, Mich., fifteen miles east of this city on the Big Mich, lifteen miles east of this city on the Big Four Railroad, occurred this morning and destroyed half the business part of the place before the flames were subdued by volunteer citzens. The most important buildings barned were A. J. Deans's grocery, the Post Cilice, L. O. Smith's grocery, Frank A. Dillon's building and the Buller Block. It is said the Fost Office contained several thousand dollars' worth of stamps.

and 100 inhabitants, in Ellis county, about fifty rules couth of Dallas, is reported to have been destroyed by fire to-day which was started from Caristmas explosives. As Leland has no rail or wire connections details are lacking

the of Miss Julia Morrison's attorneys, has filed the Eve-thousand-dollar bond for the young woman's release, and after its approval by the county afterney she was released. She has gone to Sutton, W. Va., to remain until her second trial on a charge of murder.

of \$50,000 from Dr. D. K. Pearsons has been promised to Northfield College if double that amount is raised by that institution by Jan. 1. The college authorities have raised half the amount and are husting for the balance.

in the operation of the Pennsylvania Railroad through trains to the West exemplify these exemples.